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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE TO
SCANDINAVIA

REF: HELSINKI 2998

1. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE DANES FIRST INVITED THE
MONDALES, AND THAT THE NORWEGIANS AND SWEDES PROMPTLY JOINED IN.
FINLAND JOINED THE LIST LATER. THE ORIGINAL IDEA WAS A VISIT
IN JULY 1977, BUILT AROUND THE JULY 4 CELEBRATION IN DENMARK.
THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS UNABLE TO COME THIS YEAR, BUT TOLD THE
NORDICS (AS OUR SWEDISH FRIENDS HAVE RELAYED TO US) THAT HE
WAS "ACTIVELY PLANNING" TO VISIT ALL FOUR COUNTRIES IN EARLY
SUMMER 1978 (AGAIN WITH THE JULY 4 CEREMONY IN DENMARK AS
FOCAL POINT). I DO NOT BELIEVE A SEPARATE VISIT TO SWEDEN
HAS EVER BEEN DISCUSSED SERIOUSLY. I TALKED TO THE VICE
PRESIDENT'S STAFF LAST SEPTEMBER AND THE CONSENSUS
WAS THAT IF A TRIP TOOK PLACE IT WOULD BE A SCANDINAVIAN
TOUR.

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2. I BELIEVE THAT A VISIT BY VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS.
MONDALE WOULD BE A SERVICE TO US INTERESTS IN ALL FOUR
NORDIC COUNTRIES, AND HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THEY
WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP THIS COMING SUMMER.
KENNEDY-MINOTT

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